

BIG RIVER ZINC CORPORATION

ROUTE 3 & MONSANTO AVENUE
SAUGET, ILLINOIS 62201

June 1, 1999

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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Re: Parcel No. 01-35.0-200-035

Dear Sirs:

Several weeks ago, I was contacted by an attorney for Solutia, Inc. to obtain an "access agreement" covering the above captioned property in St. Clair County, Illinois. Apparently access is necessary to perform environmental testing as part of an agreement between Solutia, Inc. and U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

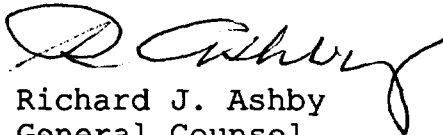
The attorney indicated she had identified Big River Zinc Corporation as the "owner" based on a chart obtained from U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. The chart is captioned "Current Ownership as of September 24, 1997 - Site L - Sauget Area I Sites" (may reference number 1.2) and indicates that the above captioned parcel number's property address is "Korea Zinc Co., Monsanto Avenue, Cahokia, IL 62206" and that the owner as "Big River Zinc Corporation."

I am not certain how the chart's information was obtained, but I cannot find anything in Big River Zinc Corporation's [f/k/a Korea Zinc Company (USA), Inc.] records which indicate that it purchased or obtained this parcel on or after April 8, 1996 (the date the assets to the smelter in Sauget, Illinois, were purchased). Furthermore Big River Zinc Corporation's Accounting Department is not receiving or paying a real estate tax for this parcel.

I asked the Thompson Coburn of law firm to check the St. Clair County Recorder's office and was told that this parcel number was previously shown as "01-35-0-200-032" and was changed to the above captioned parcel number at some point after the parcel was purchased by L. Keeley Paving and Construction Company.

In summary, Big River Zinc Corporation is not the owner of the above captioned parcel. Your chart should be noted accordingly. If you have any questions about this, please call me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Ashby", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard J. Ashby
General Counsel

WIT to L. Keeley Paving & Construction Co.
2901 Falling Springs Road, Sauget, IL.

WARRANTY DEED - STATUTORY FORM 1792.09

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, THAT THE GRANTORS

2590 1259

Tony L. Lechner and Velma B. Lechner,
each to an undivided 1/2 interest

ST. CLAIR COUNTY
CLERK FOR DEEDS
THE RECORDER'S OFFICE

DEC 10 PM 3:24

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of the City of Cahokia County of St. Clair

and State of Illinois for and in consideration of the sum of

Ten DOLLARS

in hand paid, Convey and Warrant to L. Keeley Paving and Construction Company, a Missouri corporation

of the City of Sauget County of St. Clair and State of Illinois
the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

A tract of land being part of Lot 1 of a Subdivision of Lots 128 1/2 and 129 of the Commonfields of Cahokia, St. Clair County, Illinois, reference being had to the plat thereof recorded in the Recorder's Office of St. Clair County, Illinois in Book of Plats 33 on page 40, more particularly described as follows.

Commencing at the intersection of the Northeasterly line of said Lot 1 and the Westerly Right-of-Way line of Falling Springs Road, 50 feet wide, (also known as Lower Cahokia Road); thence South 8 Degrees 14 Minutes 30 Seconds West along said Right-of-Way line a distance of 19.25 feet; thence North 42 Degrees 57 Minutes 18 Seconds West along a line that is parallel with and 15 feet Southwesterly of the Northeasterly line of said Lot 1, a distance of 258.69 feet to the Point of Beginning of the following described tract; thence continuing North 42 Degrees 57 Minutes 18 Seconds West, along said line, a distance of 111.65 feet; thence South 47 Degrees 02 Minutes 42 Seconds West, a distance of 417.48 feet; thence South 69 Degrees 01 Minutes 34 Seconds East, a distance of 124.30 feet; thence North 47 Degrees 02 Minutes 42 Seconds East, a distance of 362.84 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 1.0 Acres.

Subject to easements, rights, and restrictions of record or existence, if any.

OF ILLINOIS
STATE TRANSFER TAX

12.00

Situated in the City of Sauget

County of St. Clair, in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and holding of the same for the value of the Homestead Exemption laws of this State.

Particular Index Number 01-35-0-200-032 DIU AGR: 11-35-0-200-035

Dated this 11 day of Nov. 1999 A. D. 1999

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

I, the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State of Illinois DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT

Tony L. Lechner and Velma B. Lechner, each to an undivided 1/2 interest

personally known to me to be the same persons as a Notary Public and who have acknowledged the said instrument of conveyance to be their own free and voluntary act and deed.

MANUSCRIPT TAX BILL TO

L. Keeley Paving and Construction Co.

2901 Falling Springs Road

Sauget, IL 62206

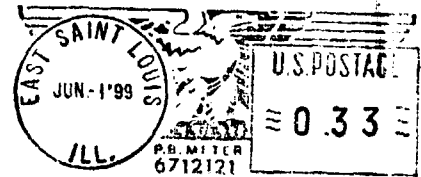
DEED PREPARED BY Roger L. Vetter
1801 N. Belt West
Belleville, IL 62223

2901 Falling Springs Road
Sauget, IL 62206

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